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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW
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Washington, DC 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

ET Docket No. 92-298 /
In Re: Amendment of FCC rules to establish a
single AM radio Stereophonic Transmitting
equipment standard

Dear Madam Secretary:

The undersigned is Senior Vice President of Algonquin
Broadcasting Corporation of Buffalo, NY, licensee of Radio
stations WBEN(AM) and WMJQ(FM). I have been in broadcast
engineering since 1958. and have been Director of Engineering for

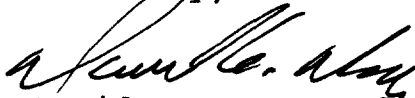


system, which can reasonably be expected to maintain or even enhance a station's coverage monaurally or stereophonically while remiaining within its prescribed broadcast bandwidth, thus eliminating adjacent channel interference which is in my experience prevalent with the C-Quam system.

My preference for the Commission's actions would be to adopt a ruling requiring receiver manufacturers to equip their AM radios with the capability of recieving BOTH systems, and to have elective wideband recieving capability when listening to monaural signals. Multiple system recievers are technologically feasible and the cost of such features would be minimal to the consumer. Multiple system recievers would be the only TRUE market test and would result at worst in the demise of the inferior system, thus assuring the commission of a decision which served the public and broadcasters interests in the best possible manner. Elective wideband reception would provide non-stereo stations with competitive equality with stereo stations. If, however, the Commission feels bound to select one system, please give us the one which serves the public interest best in terms of technical superiority, compatibility, and maintenance of spectrum integrity.

The AM radio service is the most efficient use of electromagnetic spectrum space the Commission oversees. Only about one megahertz is allocated for the thousands of stations serving every community in our nation. I respectfully submit that the Commission should adopt the position stated by President Clinton that government listen more to its citizens and less to special interest lobbies. I do not believe the Broadcast Industry or the American public deserve less than the best possible AM Stereophonic Broadcast system, and that this decision should be made solely on technical merit, not on the politics of lobbying pressure.

Sincerely,



David A. May
Sr. Vice President